60,000 Enfield number 4 rifles (.303) sold by the Ministry of Defence to a British arms dealer and shipped to a port in U.K. in 1983 never reached the scheduled destination and instead were diverted to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the diversion of the consignment of rifles; if so, what is the outcome thereof and the reaction of the Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Some repairable Enfield number 4 rifles (.303) were sold to a U.K. Company in 1983 against an import licence issued by the Government of U.K. for shipment to U.K. These rifles were reportedly diverted on high seas. The ultimate destination of the rifles is not known.

Financial Assistance to Foreign Countries

1018. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of countries to whom financial assistance have been given by the Government of India during the last three years;

(b) the total amount of financial assistance given by Government to these countries during this period;

(c) whether agreements have been reached between the Government of India and the Governments of these countries for future aids; and

(d) if so, what is the nature of such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Kampuchea, Laos, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

(b) A statement regarding details of economic assistance given to these countries during the last three years is attached. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Details of financial assistance (Grant/credit) given by government of India during the last three Years

	Name of Country	Amount
1.	Bangladesh	2.29 Crores
2.	Bhutan	206.46 Crores
3.	Burma	10 Crores
4.	Kampuchea	1.27 Crores
5.	Laos	60 L khs
6.	Maldives	20 Crores
7.	Mauritius	5 Crores
8.	Nepal	39.88 Crores
9.	Nicaragua	12.5 Crores
10.	Sri Lanka	50 Crores
11.	Vietnam	27.016 Crores

Publication of Biographies of National Heroes

1019. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question 2779 on 3rd December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the names of such persons or national heroes who have sacrificed their lives for the nation alongwith their brief biographical

sketches are likely to be published by the Defence Ministry; and

(b) if so, by when such biographical sketches are likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Sainik schools in the Country

1020. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik schools in the country State-wise, alongwith the number of students studying in these schools till January 31, 1988; and

(b) what is the number of such new schools which are proposed to be opened in the different States during the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 18 Sainik schools in the country. A statement indicating the States in which these schools are located and the number of boys studying in the schools as on 30.9.87 is attached (*See* below). Out of these, 84 boys have joined NDA in Jan. 88 for the 79th course.

(b) Opening of a new Sainik school is considered only at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory, Administration which has to confirm that the entire capital expendiure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure of the school will be borne by it. No such specific request has so far been received to open new Sainik schools during the year 1988-89.

Statement

Sl.	Location of Sainik School	State	No. of Students Studing there in as on 30-9-88
1	Amaravathi Nagar	Tamil Nadu	641
2	Balachadi	Gujarat	543
3	Bijapur	Karnataka	577
4	Bhubneshwar	Orissa	603
5	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	579
6	Ghorakhal	Uttar Pradesh	474
7	Goalpara	Assam	687
8	Imphal	Manipur	404
9	Kapurthala	Punjab	6-0
10	Kazhakootam	Kerala	603
11	Korukonda	Andhra Pradesh	544
12	Kunjpura	Haryana	666
13	Nagrota	Jammu & Kashmir	465
14	Purulia	West Bengal	470
15	Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	506
16	Satara	Maharashtra	621
17	Sujanpur Tira	Himachal Pradesh	397
18	Tilaiya	Bihar	893
		Total	10312